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IN A PATENT APPLICATION of
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ACCUMULATION IN ELECTRODEPOSITION

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Date: October 18, 2002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the references cited therein. Each document listed thereon was cited in a partial Search Report (also enclosed) which was mailed to Applicants by the International Searching Authority on September 10, 2002 for the PCT counterpart application. Please see the report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited, along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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